Morgantown Police Department

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On July 5, 2014 at approximately 08:30 hours First Sergeant McCabe was investigating a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Sheetz in Sabraton. The vehicle was located and it was determined to have a stolen license plate on the vehicle. First Sergeant McCabe attempted to stop the vehicle on the westbound on ramp at I-68 and Route 7. The vehicle failed to stop and the vehicle was pursued until the mile marker 143.5 on I-79 south when Monongalia County Sheriff's Department and WV State Police joined in on the pursuit. At this time the vehicle was traveling approximately 40 mph and stopped when the Sheriff's Department got in front of the vehicle. The driver, Joseph Christy, was taken into custody without incident. Christy was a Fugitive from Justice for escape in Colorado Springs, Co. and had stolen the vehicle from Iowa. During the pursuit there were four juvenile children in the rear of the vehicle and not using any child seats or seatbelts. Christy was charged with Fugitive from Justice and four counts of Child Neglect. The mother of the children , Summer McDaniel, was also charged with four counts of Child Neglect in this incident. Christy and McDaniel were logged in the North Central Regional Jail awaiting arraignment in Monongalia County Magistrate Court.

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The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **"Partner in Policing"**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.